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**DISCUSSION**

U.S. Patent No. 6,113,858 and Canadian Patent No. 2,169,248 are discussed in the specification. The remaining patents are of general interest only.

Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Information Disclosure Statement, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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